

Late from Utah Territory.

Death of a Prominent Mormon.—The *Land and Cattle*—Breadfruit Suffering and Drought—Cattle Weather. A letter from Great Salt Lake City, dated December 4th, which we find in the New York Tribune, contains the following interesting news:

The Mormon Church has lost one of its main pillars by the sudden death of Jedediah M. Grant, second counselor of Brigham Young, Mayor of this city, and member elect of the Legislature. He died on the night of December 1, and was buried this morning with all the honors of the church.

Mr. Grant was a native of New Hampshire, and was about 40 years of age at the time of his decease. Of moderate literary attainments, in which he enjoyed somewhat the advantage of his associates in the presidency, he was one of the most talented men among the Mormons. Very sarcastic and abusive in his discourses, and a perfect adept in the school of billings-gate, he was, always noted as a most bitter reviler of the Gentiles. It was only a few Sundays ago that he denounced them most violently, and said that he was ready to take his bow-knife in hand and chase them out of the Territory; but he has now gone to his last account, leaving seven disconsolate widows and several children, four of whom are under eight weeks of age, to mourn his loss.

It is not known who will succeed Grant, his successor being appointed by Brigham.

Another of the hand-cart trains arrived here last Sunday in a condition which boggles all description. Winter caught them in the mountainous districts of clothing and provisions, and had not the relief which was sent from here reached them, every one of them would have perished. As it is, out of the 500 which started, one-fourth have died, and more than 100 of the remainder have lost their hands or feet from the effects of the cold. When they reached here there were not 50 in the train who could help themselves; the rest were stowed in the bottoms of the wagons which had been sent for them, ragged and filthy beyond conception; helpless and despairing, they could or would not get out of the wagons to attend the calls of nature, and it the weather had not been intensely cold it would have bred a pestilence. I never imagined such a scene. Heaven preserve me from witnessing such another. And yet the *Dosert News* has the effrontery to tell the world that they came through wet.

It is said that there are yet hundreds of these poor, deluded wretches in the mountains. A few days ago an express reached here from an ox-train which is encamped on Green river. Their cattle had given out, and they were bare of provisions, being obliged to feed on their dead cattle. Some forty wagons, with provisions, have gone to their relief, to endeavor, if possible, to get them into Fort Bridges.

The weather has been very cold for a month past, and a great deal of snow has fallen. The winter set in at least a month earlier than last year, and has been, as yet, more severe. It is continuous so there will not be much stock left in these valleys next spring.

There have been already more than fifty applications made to Brigham for divorces by women who arrived in the last emigrant trains. It seems that on their arrival here, when they were yet ignorant of the ways of Zion, a great many of the Mormon gentlemen came to them, and picking out one of the women which suited them, immediately made them their "spirituals," but these poor girls soon found out what it was to live with the saints as slaves, and now endeavor to obtain divorces. This will simply be jumping "out of the frying pan into the fire," for they will be compelled to take, or be taken by some other man, and their condition will not be bettered.

A Bloody Tragedy.

Attempt at Murder and Suicide.—A shocking event occurred in Cincinnati on Monday morning at half-past five o'clock, whereby a man in a temporary fit of insanity, after an attempt to take the life of his wife, nearly severed his head from his body. The Commercial of Tuesday gives the following particulars:

Michael Gold lived nearly opposite the county jail with his wife and two children. A cooper by trade, he was always recognized as a sober, industrious man, and a careful provider for his family. About a week since he was thrown out of employment, but previous to this he had been occasionally subject to a slight aberration of mind, which since he had left work appeared to increase. Yesterday morning, at the hour above stated, he complained of being a little unwell and expressed a purpose of going out, from which he was dissuaded by his wife. He then got out of bed and went to a chest at the further end of the room, which he opened and took therefrom a razor and a jack-knife, and upon his wife inquiring what he wanted to do with them, he replied that he intended to cut some bread. There was, however, so insane glare in the eyes which terrified his wife, and springing from the bed she hastened towards him in time to catch his arm as he was about making a dash at his throat with the razor. Upon this he plunged the knife which he held in his left hand into the right side of her abdomen, and at the same time cut her hand with the razor. The poor woman roared with pain, and the poor man, who had been so lately a cooper, proceeded to mutilate himself in the particular, when a verdict in accordance with the above facts was rendered. Mrs. Gold was yesterday considered in a very precarious state, although hopes were entertained that the wound would not prove mortal.

Death from Insanity.—Dr. H. F. Hughes, of Canton, Mo., a gentleman of brilliant talents, and one of the best physicians in Missouri, was found dead in the road by some teamsters, near St. Louis, last week. It is supposed he died while laboring under an attack of mental aberration, as he was found in the mud, where it was plain to be seen he had struggled violently. Of late he had been subject to mental derangement.

Shocking Murder of a Female.

The Body Buried.—Arrest of Her Husband.—The Toledo Commercial of the 18th ult., relates the particulars of the murder of the wife of Return J. Ward, of Sylva, Ohio, on the 8d ult. It appeared that Ward had been in the habit of using his wife, who once left him on account of his brutality. She disappeared from his house on the 3d, and Ward told his neighbors that she had left him again. His replies to questions intended to ascertain the reason for her disappearance, were not satisfactory, and suspicions were aroused. Ward's premises were, therefore, searched by his neighbors, who found most indubitable evidence that the woman had been most foully murdered, and that her body had been burnt in her own house. In a pile of ashes near the house human bones were found—an upper jaw almost entire, and pieces of a skull. Two finger rings were also found which were recognized as those worn by Mrs. Ward.

The citizens who made the search found abundant evidence, as they thought, that the effects of Mrs. Ward had been all burnt. The look of her trunk, pieces of dress, hooks and eyes, and other articles were found. The citizens searched further.—The bed clothes had the appearance of having been recently washed. On opening the bolster and bed the feathers were found covered with blood. Blood was also found on a mat in the upper part of the house. A minute search revealed traces of blood in other parts of the house.

Whether the woman had been stabbed or shot, they could not tell; but that she had been foully murdered and her corpse burnt, they were satisfied. Ward was arrested and fully committed on a charge of murder. He is a tailor, about forty years old, and married the deceased, who was his third wife, in Adrian, Michigan, some time last summer.

Shocking Accident on a Steamboat.

The steamer New York, on her way trip to St. Louis from Cincinnati on Wednesday, got aground at Vevay, where she remained until the Argonaut, upward bound, came along. The latter was hailed to assist her, and while in the act of pulling her by means of a hawser, that led from the capstan at the stern, the line parted, and all of the crew of the New York who were at work on the capstan at the time were much hurt. There was a heavy strain on the hawser, the end of which as it parted struck the men with such fearful force that they were knocked senseless to the deck, presenting a most terrible scene. It was thought at first that several of the poor fellows had been killed outright. One had his arm broken, another a leg snapped off below the knee, a third had his fingers cut off, as if by a knife, while one man had his back broken, and the ribs of another on one side were all crushed in. The sufferers were stricken down and strewn over the deck, all bleeding and maimed as suddenly and fatally as if shot by a cannon ball, presenting a shocking spectacle. They were placed on the Argonaut and sent back to Cincinnati, where, we understand, they reside.—The New York got off the bar and arrived here yesterday.—*Louisville Courier, February 20.*

A Merchant Couched by a Californian Widow.—A few evenings ago a couched affair extraordinary took place at one of the fashionable boarding houses in New York. It appears from the Tribune that there were some 60 boarders, including merchants with their wives and children, and several clerks. Among the female was a charming "Californian widow," about whom one of the merchant-boarders had put in circulation some unpleasant reports. The Tribune says:

The lady paid no attention to the reports until one of a more virulent nature than the rest was circulated, when she made up her mind to cowhide the individual, and communicated her intention to some of the other boarders whom she counted as her friends. She had set the day and time at the dinner table.

The day arrived, but for some reason the dinner was later than usual, an occurrence that caused a more general assemblage of the family. The bell at length sounded, and owing to the lateness of the hour great haste was made by all to the dinner-table.—About fifty persons were already seated, and among them the merchant—unsuspecting merchant! In a few moments the injured woman entered. She approached the merchant and demanded before the company a retraction of the caustic reports he had circulated, and an apology.

Refusing to retract or apologize, she drew from the folds of her dress a strong cowhide, which she applied with a will to his head and shoulders. So severe were the blows that his face was completely marked lengthwise and crosswise with red lines.—Some of the ladies screamed and were sorely agitated, and many of the gentlemen remonstrated; but the lady paid no attention, but still dealt her blows vigorously upon the head of the offending merchant. At length one of the gentlemen interfered and wrested the cowhide from her hand. The victim was removed to his room, where he was confined several days, in consequence of the mutilation of his physionomy.

Death of the Sultan of Muscat.—Advice from Zanzibar of Nov. 25 state that the Sultan of Muscat died on the 18th October, on board her Britannic Majesty's frigate Victoria, when on his passage from the capital to Zanzibar. He was sixty-nine years of age, and leaves twelve sons and a number of daughters. His third son, Prince Muftic Bin Said, has assumed the charge of Zanzibar, Pemba, and the coast part of his father's possessions. He is an excellent man, about 24 years of age, and has been Governor of Zanzibar the past two years and a half. The Sheikh and all the principal Arabs at Zanzibar have acknowledged Muftic as their Sultan.—There was no disturbance at Zanzibar when the intelligence of the death of his highness was received. It is probable that Prince Thewen, the eldest son, will be the Sultan of Muscat. He is about thirty-five years of age, is a great warrior, but is not at all popular with the Arabs and Indians at Muscat. It is more probable that his neighbors, the East India Company, will relieve him of the trouble of governing the inhabitants of Muscat.

The State Legislature has passed a joint resolution to adjourn for about ten days, to attend the inauguration of President Buchanan.



MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1857.

We neglected to mention last week, that a Target-shooting by the "Blues," took place on the 21st of February. The prize was the beautiful Silver Medal presented to the Company a short time ago by Col. MARCUS SAMSON. The best shot on the occasion was Mr. PHILIP DOERSON, who received the medal.

The Ladies engaged in the late Festival, realized about \$250 above expenses. This is a very handsome start in the furtherance of the object they have in view.

The answer to the Enigma in last week's "Sentinel," is "The Stars and Stripes of America."

Sudden Death.

Mrs. LATREY, wife of Mr. CHARLES LATREY, of Petersburg, (Y. S.) died during the night of Friday last, without the consciousness of her husband, who was residing by her side. She had been in ill health for some time past; but nothing, on the evening previous, indicated more serious symptoms than usual. Her husband, in awaking in the morning, found her in "that sleep which knows no waking" upon earth. She leaves several children.

Another Change.

After the mild weather we had for some days, Old Winter has resumed his authority; and although the Almanacs declared yesterday the beginning of Spring, we find they were for once in error; for last evening and all night were anything else than balmy and Spring-like. Next to the night of the great snow-storm, it was the most lion-like time of the season. We hope the old adage may be true, that "when March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb."

On Sunday night of the snow storm, (Jan. 18th), one of CHRISTIAN CHRONICER'S Turkis was driven by the violence of the gale from the roof, and took shelter in the garden, where it was drifted over to the depth of about four feet—and where it remained until the seventh day of February, a period of nineteen days and nights, without foul!

The announcement of the death of WASHINGTON McPHERSON, a few weeks ago, was incorrect. Mr. W., we understand, is not only still living, but has no idea, for the present, at least, of "shuffling off this mortal coil."

Extra Session.

The President of the United States has issued his proclamation convening the U. S. Senate to extra session, at 12 o'clock, M., on the 4th of March, "to receive and act on such communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive."

Death of Dr. Kane.

The Legislature of this State, on the reception of Dr. Kane's (the great Arctic explorer) death, unanimously passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from the scenes of this life our distinguished fellow citizen, Dr. Elisha Kent Kane; and it seems peculiarly proper that when such an eminent man is thus removed from among us, that there should be some demonstration of public regard: Therefore

Resolved, That in his death the Commonwealth has lost one of its most distinguished sons, whose early death will be regretted as far as his name is known, and as a mark of respect to his brilliant talents and exemplary character this House do now adjourn.

Dr. Kane is a native of Pennsylvania, and son of Judge Kane, of Philadelphia.—He died at Havana, whither he had gone to recruit his health, which had been affected by his great exposures in the Arctic regions.

The Legislature adjourned on Friday last until Monday the 9th of March.

State Treasurer.

The Committee of Conference of the two branches of our State Legislature, have reported the 11th of March, as the day for going into an election of State Treasurer.

Simon Green, who was to have been executed at Harrisburg on Friday last, was respited by the Governor until the 27th.

The Planets.—Jupiter and Venus, being now in conjunction, present a beautiful appearance in the south-western part of the heavens, early in the evening. Venus, although the smaller, from her greater vicinity to the earth, is the brighter of the two.

Death of a Missionary.—The American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions have received intelligence of the death of the Rev. Eli Smith, D. D., one of their most prominent missionaries in Syria, who died at a short time since in Beyrout. In addition to his missionary labors, Dr. Smith was engaged in translating the Scriptures into Arabic. He had completed the New Testament, the Psalms, and part of the Pentateuch. The deceased was the son of a clergyman in Connecticut, and had been engaged in the missionary work many years.

State Convention.

A call signed by all the American and Republican members of the Legislature, has been issued for a State Convention, to be held in Harrisburg, on Wednesday the 25th instant, to nominate candidates for Governor, Canal Commissioner, &c. The call invites a union of "all who are opposed to the Extension of Slavery into the National Territories and to the other equally obnoxious principles of the incoming National Administration, as announced in the Cincinnati Platform; who are opposed to the Union of Church and State, and to the exclusion of the Bible from our Common Schools, and in favor of protecting the ballot-box from the corrupt influences by which the will of the people was defeated in the recent State and Presidential Elections."

On Wednesday next, the present session of Congress will close, and Mr. Buchanan's administration be inaugurated. The new Cabinet, it is rumored, will be composed as follows:

Secretary of State—Lewis Cass, of Michigan. Secretary of the Treasury—Howell Cobb, of Georgia.

Secretary of War—John B. Floyd of Virginia. Secretary of the Navy—Aaron V. Brown, of Tennessee.

Secretary of the Interior—Jacob Thompson of Pennsylvania. Postmaster General—Wm. C. Alexander, of New Jersey.

Attorney General—Isaac Toucey, of Conn.

J. Glancy Jones, of this State, was offered the post of Postmaster General; but it is said that he declined, in consequence of opposition in certain sections of the Democracy to his appointment.

SENATOR SUMNER arrived at Washington on Wednesday. His health is still feeble, but he was anxious to appear in his seat in the Senate before the close of the session. He sails for Europe in a few days for the benefit of his health.

In the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, the Speaker (Mr. Geis) charged that a person holding a seat on the floor of the House as a Reporter, had attempted improperly to prevent the passage of three bills, asking \$300 to withdraw his opposition. Messrs Longaker, Petriken, Thorne, Gilbert and Streubers were appointed a Committee to investigate the matter.

We learn from Harrisburg that the Committee on Banks on Thursday reported the bill to incorporate a Savings Fund Institution in this place, with a favorable recommendation.

DEATH OF DR. KANE.—Dr. KANE, the celebrated Arctic explorer, died at Havana, on the 16th ult., whither he had gone for his health. His disease was the consequence of the hardships and exposure to which he was subjected during his last expedition. Though a comparatively young man, he died in the fullness of his fame, and his memory will be inseparably linked with honorable renown.—His remains will be brought home.

Chas. Lynn was married in Evansville on Tuesday last week, had a congenial chill on Friday, died Saturday, and the minister who solemnized his marriage was required on Sunday to consign his remains to his last resting place. Truly "in the midst of life we are in death."

Murder in Frederick County.—On Wednesday last the body of James Digg, a colored man, was found inside of Union Worthington's field, about a quarter of a mile from Urbana, Frederick county, Md., with his throat cut, and various other wounds upon his person. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the deed was perpetrated by Philip Hawkins, also colored. He is in jail.

Curious Spectacle in a Court Room.—A man named Knight is on trial at Poland, Maine, charged with the murder of his wife. A letter giving an account of the trial says:

"Although the day has been stormy, the court has been crowded, a very large number of whom were ladies. The ladies, both old and young, bring knitting, crochet and sewing work with them, and the hall presents (aside from the trial) quite a busy appearance."

A correspondent at Towson, Maryland, gives some details regarding the prices of farms in Baltimore county, of which that town is the county seat. He says that the country is traversed by a number of limestone valleys, and that there is a large proportion of excellent farming land within its borders. A good farm in these valleys well improved, will sell for \$100 per acre, while on the ridges between them the price varies from \$13 to \$60.

Land just south of the Pennsylvania line is selling at from \$20 to \$30 per acre, while that over the line, which is only imaginary, is worth almost twice as much. Baltimore county is about 40 miles long, extending from the Pennsylvania line to Chesapeake bay, and possesses a population of upwards of 40,000.

Fatal Trap.—Near Troy, Bedford county, Pa., lately, a woman had been annoyed by the mysterious disappearance of her butter from the premises, without being able to detect the thief. At last she procured a quantity of strychnine and worked it into a batch of fresh butter. This she placed where it would be taken by the thief. A few days thereafter two children of a boarding house keeper fell suddenly ill and died, and several of the boarders fell sick, and were, at last accounts, in extreme danger. The woman was immediately arrested and lodged in Towson jail.

Congressional Corruption.

The House of Representatives of the U. States was in continuous session for 71 hours on Wednesday, on the case of Mr. Gilbert, member from New York, charged with bribery. The galleries were densely crowded. Mr. Edwards has prepared a statement of considerable length, solemnly asserting the falsity of the charges against him, and his innocence both in fact and intention. He avers that the charge is unsupported by proof, resting only on mistaken inferences and impressions. Mr. Matteson will also submit a defense.

On Friday the House renewed the consideration of the resolution for the expulsion of Mr. Gilbert. He made a speech on the subject, and, at the close, announced that he had resigned his seat as a member of the House, and had so notified the Governor of New York. He then left his seat. This announcement occasioned great excitement in the House. Mr. Matteson also resigned his seat; but a resolution of censure was passed, notwithstanding, 145 to 17.

The New Cent.—Spanish Coins.

The new coinage bill, the passage of which through both Houses of Congress, was noticed several days since, and which provides for the issue of a new cent, and a recoinage of the old Spanish silver, received the signature of the President of the United States on Monday, and is now a law. As before noticed, the new coin is composed of part nickel and part copper, and is about half the size of the old coin now in use, although somewhat thicker. The design of it is very neat, and it will, doubtless, very soon take the place of the "coppers" now in use. We understand that arrangements are being made at the Mint with a view to facilitate its issue as much as possible, and we shall, doubtless, in a very few weeks have a full supply of them to be used for the small transactions of the day.

According to the Senate amendment, which was made to the bill last week, the old Spanish coin will be taken at the Mint for two years to come, at their exact value, according to weight, in exchange for the new copper coin, and we understand that there has already been taken in at that establishment, since the passing of this bill, about sixty thousand dollars, principally in quarters. The passage of this law, is a most important step in the right direction, and is the most sensible thing done for the mass of the people by Congress, for several years past.

The nickel which is to be used in the getting up of the new penny, as we understand, will be brought from the works of the "GAP MINING COMPANY," in Lancaster county, which yields a large quantity of that metal, raised in conjunction with a very rich deposit of copper ore. The lands of the "Gap Mining Company" are the only ones in this State yielding this peculiar and valuable metal, and their proximity to the marts of trade, are such as to give them an absolute preference over any others in the country. The new demand which will be created for nickel, by the operation of the new law, will not fail to be highly profitable to the parties engaged in these works, whilst the particular section of the country in which they are situated, will also be very considerably benefited by their increased activity.—*Drury News.*

The Bardell Murder Case.—In the New York Court of General Sessions, on Saturday, the Grand Jury presented true bill of indictment against John J. Eckel and Mrs. Cunningham for the murder of Dr. Bardell, who were accordingly sent to the Tombs. The daughters were released from custody, and Snodgrass was held to bail in \$2500 as a witness to appear and testify.

The Lancaster Bank.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lancaster Bank, at that place, on Monday, a committee of ten was appointed to collect money to carry on the criminal prosecutions against Longenecker and Bachman, late officers of the bank. A committee of five was also appointed to inquire into the expediency of bringing civil and criminal suits against those directors and officers of the bank who have been guilty of omission and commission, by which the stockholders have been defrauded.

Dangerous Counterfeit.—A counterfeit \$10 bill on the Farmers' Bank of Virginia is in circulation, which the public would do well to guard against. It is payable to H. A. Wise, Norfolk. The word "ten," in the centre, is deeply shaded. In the word "dollars" the letters *da* are but slightly shaded—the letters *llars* are shaded, but not so heavily as the word "ten." The names of the president and cashier are engraved, and is a very good imitation of the genuine. The engraving of the vignette is badly done.

Singular Epidemic.—Several recent lodgers at one of the most popular Washington hotels, have been suffering with greater or less severity, from a strange ailment. It is said that dead rats, killed by arsenic, had fallen into the water vats, from which the house was supplied, and the guests who drank from it were all taken sick. Messrs. J. G. Jones and Kunkle were among the number, and they have suffered much inconvenience from it, but have now fortunately recovered.

Bank Bills Voted.—The Governor of Nebraska has vetoed all the bank charters just passed by the Territorial Legislature.

Terrible Out-break in Kansas.

Gov. Geary Assaulted.—Several Persons Shot.—St. Louis, Feb. 25.—The Jefferson City correspondent of the St. Louis Democrat, learns by passengers from Kansas to-night, that a difficulty had occurred between Gov. Geary and a man named Sherrod, growing out of the refusal of the former to appoint the latter to the office of Sheriff, as desired by the Legislature, and which had a fatal termination. Sherrod had avowed the purpose of killing Gov. Geary, and meeting him in the street spat in his face. Gov. Geary did not resent the insult, but his friends got up an indignation meeting, on Thursday the 19th. Sheriff Jones, Sherrod, and others, attempted to interrupt the meeting, and in the affray Sherrod shot Mr. Sheppard, one of Gov. Geary's friends, four times, and wounded two others.—Mr. Jones, Gov. Geary's Secretary, thereupon shot Sherrod through the head, killing him instantly. Great excitement prevailed at Leecompton, and a general fight was anticipated that night. Gov. Geary's residence was guarded by United States' troops.

Gen. Cass.—This gentleman a few days since presented the credentials of his successor, Mr. Chandler, to the Senate for six years from the 3d of March. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says, from the very cool and easy mannerism of Senator Cass, it would be hardly possible to discover that he is the "adopted" for the future Secretary of State. It was evident, however, that some peculiar feeling was developed in his smile when the credentials of his successor were read by the clerk.—Later Mr. Cass has been in the habit of saying very little in the Senate; but he is always there and always observant of the business in progress. He is capable of much energetic legislative duty. He will doubtless feel himself at home as Secretary of State.

The Norcross Murder.—The sum of \$2000 is offered as a reward for the apprehension of the murderer of Samuel F. Norcross, of East Lexington, Massachusetts.—Mr. N. was murdered and robbed near Allentown, Pennsylvania, on the morning of the 16th January. It has since been ascertained that the perpetrator of this foul murder was a man, a house carpenter by trade, named David Stringer McKim, alias Daniel McKimney, alias Thomas Bragg, who is still a fugitive from justice. He has various marks about him, one of which is well calculated to lead to his identification anywhere. He was shot through one of his hands by the accidental discharge of a pistol, leaving a scar on the palm and on the back of the injured hand, and causing the little finger to be crooked, the next finger to be stiff and straight, and the next one slightly stiff.

An alarming state of affairs prevails in Naples. The King has retired to the Palace of Caserta, and has had the sewers and gas-pipes buried with iron. Past nine o'clock at night all is black and deserted in the streets of Naples. The governmental inquiry is carried to such an extreme that in the hotels no pointed knives are allowed, and the cooks are obliged to use knives with rounded points. An actor who carried arms—theatrical arms—to use in the inoffensive duels of mulo-dramas, had them confiscated and destroyed.

The arrests had ceased a little at the last dates, but perhaps, it must be admitted, because the prisons are full. A great number of prisoners had been crowded into the prison Vicere, in a single room without floor, where they had neither chairs nor beds, and were deprived even of their hats.

Some months since, at New York, a man named John Hartley discovered his wife in suspicious intimacy with one Philip Greely. He became so enraged that he drew a dirk knife and inflicted such wounds on the person of G. that he died next day. Hartley was tried for the crime, and pleaded guilty to manslaughter. On being brought before the Recorder on Saturday for sentence, however, that functionary said his offence was one that demanded the exercise of mercy in the largest degree, and concluded by ordering him to be discharged.

Considerable alarm exists in Canada on the subject of the increasing severity of the winters. Each succeeding year brings with it a colder season than the former.—Old residents shake their heads at this dismal prospect, and predict that if this state of things continues, it will be no longer possible to raise crops in the Provinces.—In most of the northwestern townships the average range of the glass some days was thirty degrees below zero. The same party states that a new material for making gas has been lately discovered in Canada. It is a description of slate called "uttra," which is to be found in rich seams, extending from the shores of Lake Ontario to Lake Huron. The slate is composed of vast quantities of trilobites and other animal remains, and is a rich bituminous substance. The light produced from it is if anything superior to that afforded by ordinary coal gas.

Hogs Living in Snow.—Mr. Wilkinson, of Smithfield, R. I., led out three fat hogs to be slaughtered, and while he and his assistants were butchering one the two others mysteriously disappeared, and nothing could be found of them for six weeks; at length they were discovered within forty rods of the spot; they had subsisted under the snow upon what they could find there, and upon their own fat, of which each had lost about one hundred pounds.

A Swindler Arrested.—The Milwaukee

Sentinel gives an account of a person who, it seems, has been playing the confidence game in all our principal cities East and West during the past year. At one time he personates a "detective officer," at another the manager of the "Apollo Minstrels," then "Captain Charles Shores, of the Kickapoo Rangers of Kansas," and again the "accredited agent of the Philadelphia Kansas Relief Committee," in all these having an eye to the main chance, never making the acquaintance of any one he did not try to victimize, by either borrowing or begging money from them on some pretences. He was supplied with letters of introduction from various persons, which were found upon him when arrested, one of which was to the President elect. He has levied heavy contributions in almost every town in Pennsylvania and Ohio, also on several persons in Chicago, among whom was the Mayor, who let him have \$50. He has lots of contribution papers, on some of which as high as \$1,000 have been paid. In Cincinnati, Columbus, and Zanesville, Ohio, and Norristown, Pittsburgh, Reading, Philadelphia, Lancaster, and Wheatland, Pa., Pennsylvania, the people paid liberally, while the subscription papers read, "with the money thus subscribed is to be distributed among the sufferers in Kansas, regardless of their nation or creed."

This man was once a member of the St. Louis police, but was long since discharged from service, and has forged the names of the Mayor and Chief of Police of St. Louis to carry on his swindling acts.

Legislation.—Two years ago the General Assembly of Rhode Island almost unanimously passed an act forbidding all justices and judges in the State to take cognizance of petitions of aliens to become naturalized citizens of the United States. A motion was recently made in the House to strike out the whole chapter in relation to the subject, and there was not a voice raised in opposition thereto.

A bill is before the Louisiana Legislature allowing the head of each family to take a three dollar newspaper at the expense of the State.

The Michigan Legislature has amended the prohibitory liquor law of that State, so as to exempt from its provisions the sale of beer, wine and cider.

A resident in Chili, commenting on the corrupt manner in which justice is administered in that republic, and the difficulty which foreigners experience in obtaining redress for wrongs done them, states that large fortunes are made by the Judges from the open sale of their decisions. Although there is a heavy stamp duty on official documents, there is no instrument that can be esteemed valid in the Chilean courts, owing to the undisciplined favoritism exhibited towards those who have money enough to bribe the Judges. Of course, where such a profligate state of things exists, there is no security for life or property.

A Horrid Murder in Iowa.—A Mr. Kellogg, of Delaware county, Iowa, was most brutally murdered by his wife on the night of January 9. It seems they had lived very unhappily together for some time, and at the time of the murder occupied different beds. The heads of the beds were at some distance from the wall, and she, during his sleep, deliberately chopped his head with an axe in a most frightful manner. One blow inflicted a deep wound directly into the brain over the left eye, extending to the top of the head. Two others were on the right of the skull, causing immediate insensibility, though he retained life for about eighteen hours. The circumstances are rendered more painful by the fact that the woman expected hourly to assume the new relation of mother, which has since transpired.

Encroachment of the Atlantic.—The New Jersey geological report shows that the Atlantic is steadily and rather rapidly encroaching upon the land on its coast.—At Cape Island the surf has eaten inward full a mile since the revolution. Along the bay shore at Cape May the marsh wears away at the rate of a rod in two years.—One of the beaches upon the coast is mentioned as having moved inward one hundred yards in the last twenty years.

Cow Killed by a Cow.—A son of Mr. Samuel Lonscreek, of Lynn, aged about 13 years, was killed at Nahant by a cow. He had to lead the cow from Nahant to Lynn, about four miles. He tied one end of the rope round the cow's horns, and as he feared she might pull the rope out of his hands, he tied the other end round his body. The cow ran, threw him down, and dragged him over the road until he was killed.—This is the third accident caused by a cow, and the second death, which we have had occasion to chronicle within a week.

A Lynching in Va.—A correspondent states that negro property was never so high in value in that State as at present, and complains that if the present prices continue no poor man can hold a slave at all. Male adults are selling at \$1,200 to \$1,500; female, at from \$800 to \$1,200. The number now leaving the State for the cotton fields is greater than at any period since 1835 and 1836, before the great financial crisis. Petitions for the expulsion of free negroes from the State are being actively circulated for signature.

